SIR ANTHONY SHIRLEY'S TRAVELS

Mr William Parry, one of the gentlemen that set out with Sir Anthony Shirley in '98, is now returned with letters and an account of his travels which is being set forth in print.

Having reached Venice m May 1599, they compounded with an Italian ship to take them to Aleppo On this ship some jars fell out between certain Italians, being some three score persons, and Sir Anthony's company, being but twenty-four, for it happened that certain villainous and opprobrious speeches towards her Majesty were made by one of these Italians, which being carried to Sir Anthony, he caused one of his company so to beat the man with a billet that it was impossible he should ever recover it In the performance whereof he made a great outcry, whereupon all the Italians were in arms The captain of the ship therefore demanded of Sir Anthony how any durst intermeddle in that land under his command , whereunto Sir Anthony replied that it was an injury tending to the reproach and indignity of his Sovereign which he neither would nor could endure , and therewith all told him that if he should subborn or abet him therein, the one side should welter in their gore Sir Anthony's brother also gave the captain a sound box, which was very hardly digested, and much mischief was likely to have fallen thereon had not certain merchants in the ship fearful of their goods pacified, with much ado, both parties Thereafter the captain put them ashore on the island of Zant

Thence with much danger they passed to Candia, and so to Cyprus, where they watered at an island the most pleasant place that eye ever beheld Having at length reached

Antioch they passed in the company of certain merchants bound to Aleppo, where they were right well entertained by the English consul and the rest of the English merchants

As for the people of the country, besides that they are damned infidels and sodomitical Mahomets, they are beyond all measure most insolent, superbous and insulting, ever pressed to offer outrage to any Christian if he be not well guarded with janissaries They sit at their meat as tailors sit upon their stalls cross-legged , for the most part passing the day in banqueting and carousing until they surfeit, drinking a certain liquor which